

REMARKS

The present amendment and Request for Continued Examination are submitted to withdraw this application from Issue and to correct the claims to reflect accurately what the inventor believes is the true scope of his invention.

In the Notice of Allowance dated July 20, 2004, the Examiner found claim 1 to be allowed. Claim 1, in the form allowed by the Examiner, was formed of the elements recited in original claims 1 and 2. In the first Office Action of October 7, 2003, the Examiner found that all of the originally filed claims, except original claim 1, defined allowable subject matter. Presumably, then, if claim 1 had been rewritten to include the subject matter of claim 3, claim 1 as so rewritten would have been allowed. It is Applicant's intent to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 3 into original claim 1. The present amendment deletes from claim 1 the limitations that had been recited in original allowable claim 2 and adds to claim 1 the limitations that had been recited in original allowable claim 3. Original claim 2 is resubmitted as dependent claim 24; and like original claim 2, claim 24 depends from claim 1. Since claim 1, as presented here, is believed to be in condition for allowance (it includes the limitations that had been recited in original allowable claim 3), it is believed that claim 24 likewise should be in condition for allowance.

In the amendment filed January 5, 2004, original claim 14 was cancelled, even though the Examiner found original claim 14 to define allowable subject matter. It is submitted that claim 14 was inadvertently cancelled; and Applicant did not intend to cancel claim 14. By this amendment, claim 14 is re-submitted as new claim 25. Since claim 25 is identical to original claim 14; and since the Examiner found original claim 14 to be allowable, but for its dependence

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on a rejected claim, it is respectfully submitted that claim 25, which depends from amended (and thus allowable) claim 1, is in condition for allowance.

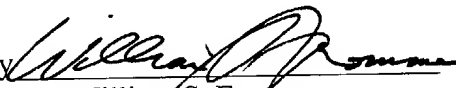
Accordingly, claims 1, 4-13 and 15-25 are in condition for allowance. The issuance of another Notice of Allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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